

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3536 - SB 3424

March 1, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Repeals provisions in current law requiring the state to pay for a county's commitment rates up to 300 percent of the statewide average, for the county to pay for commitments that exceed 300 percent of the statewide average, the collaborative planning process when a county is estimated to go over 200 percent of the statewide average, a report on commitment rates to the General Assembly by the Department of Children's Services, and this section's sunset on June 30, 2011.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$3,501,200

(Funding for this bill in the amount of \$3,600,000 is included in the Governor's FY10-11 Recommended Budget.)

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Department of Finance and Administration, the FY10-11 base budget included funding for counties below 200 percent of the statewide commitment average. The Governor's proposed FY10-11 budget contains an improvement in the amount of \$3,600,000 to pay for counties that are between 200 and 300 percent of the statewide commitment average (page B-204). For this purpose, DCS estimates an increase in state expenditures of \$2,957,872.65 for dependent and neglected children and \$543,366.78 for delinquent children. This is a total cost of \$3,501,239.43.
- Currently, there are no counties that are above 300 percent of the statewide commitment average and it is not anticipated that any county will reach that level. No increase in state expenditures to pay for counties above 300 percent.

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- Any decrease in state expenditures for repeal of collaboration with local governments and submission of a report is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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